

PATENTIN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: BURGER 2 EXAMINER: Laura Edwards  
SERIAL NO: 10/022,092 GROUP: 1734  
FILED: December 17, 2001  
TITLE: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR SHAPING AND PROCESSING..

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

ATT: BOX FEE AMENDMENT  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 23, 2004, with the response due February 23, 2004 and being extended one month to March 23, 2004 Applicant respectfully responds as follows:

REMARKS

The Patent Examiner has required a restriction to one of the following inventions:

Group 1: Claims 1-24 drawn to the process

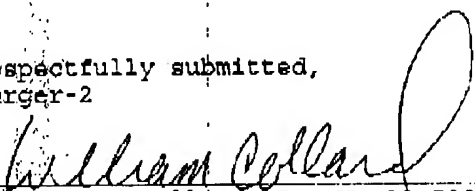
Group 2: Claims 25-38 drawn to the apparatus

The Applicant respectfully selects, without traverse, the invention of Group 1 as set forth in claims 1-24, for further prosecution.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional patent application for the non-elected invention.

For all of these reasons, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 be withdrawn and that an action on the merits of all the claims be rendered.

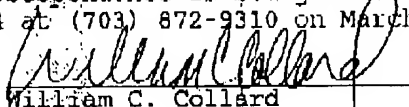
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